

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3
INCIDENT NO. 2003- 070
DATE: July 2, 2003 Time: 5:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Beginning June 21, continuing severe thunderstorms with heavy rain, hail, and high winds up to 110 miles per hour (mph), have been moving through portions of North Dakota.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: The National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists indicated a line of severe thunderstorms with damaging winds moved across northeast North Dakota between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Wednesday July 2. NWS personnel are conducting an initial field damage assessment.

High wind velocities of 60 to 70 mph moved north of N.D. Highway 17 in the northwest corner of Walsh County. The cities of Fairdale, Adams, Edinburg, and Milton reported several large trees downed. Initial reports indicate two Fairdale homes were damaged by fallen trees. Four grain bins were knocked down and the roof of the fertilizer plant was blown off at the Fairdale Farmers Cooperative Elevator. Several abandoned farmsteads north of Fairdale sustained wind damage. The cities of Adams, Fairdale and Edinburg reported temporary power outages, and several rural farmsteads are without power.

Ottertail Power and Nodak Electric Cooperative officials indicated that only a few distribution lines had been damaged by fallen trees. Power should be restored by 5:00 p.m. in Adams, Fairdale and Edinburg; however, isolated rural area outages continue but should be restored later this evening.

The NWS estimated winds of 60 to 70 mph at Calvin with additional power outages reported at Langdon in Cavalier County.

In Pembina County, large trees were blown down near the town of Crystal. Officials report rainfall amounts ranged from 0.31 inches in the city of Cavalier and 1.94 inches in the city of Walhalla.

On June 30, Cass County officials reported that various locations on Elm Street in Fargo remained blocked. High water levels of the Red River have inundated one fairway at the Edgewood golf course. One access point to Island Park and the bike trail leading from the park to north Fargo have been closed because portions remain underwater. The North Broadway Bridge is being monitored very closely due to Red River levels.

On June 27, information provided by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) flash situation reports identified hail damage to an estimated 38,000 acres of cropland affecting 30 farms in west central Towner County.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On July 2, crews from Ottertail Power and Nodak Electric were working to restore power in northeastern North Dakota. Clean up and debris removal efforts were being conducted by local officials.

Cass County officials indicate efforts to clean up debris and restore power are continuing.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance has been requested.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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